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URBAN DISTRICT OF BAKEWELL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

CHARLES W. EVANS, M.R.C.S. etc.

for the year

1959.

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To : The Chairman and Members of the Bakewell Urban District Council.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary circumstances, the Sanitary Administration and the Vital Statistics of the District for the year 1959.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area	3061 acres.
Population Census 1931	3028.
Population Census 1951	3350
Estimated Mid-Year Home Population 1959	3560
Rateable Value	£48,818.
Product of Penny Rate	£179.

BIRTHS.

Total - 41.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Live Births	17	24	41
Legitimate	15	23	38
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Stillbirths	-	-	-

Crude Birth Rate (per 1000 population) -	11.51
Comparability Factor Births -	1.05
Corrected Birthrate (per 1000 population)-	12.08
Stillbirth Rate -	Nil

DEATHS. Total - 79. Males - 33. Females - 44.

Crude Death Rate (per 1000 population) -	22.19
Comparability Factor Deaths -	0.51
Corrected Death Rate -	11.31.
Infantile Mortality (deaths of infants under 1 year) -	Nil.
Neonatal Mortality (deaths of infants under 4 weeks) -	Nil.
Maternal Mortality -	Nil.

People are tending to live longer. Average age at death rose in Males to 76, in Females to 77.5.

Of the 33 Male deaths, 10 were between 80 - 85, 2 between 85 - 90, and 3 between 90 - 95 years.

Of the 44 Female deaths, 13 were between 80 - 85, 3 between 85 - 90, 3 between 90 - 95 years.

The 79 deaths which were attributed to Bakewell by the Registrar General may be sub-divided as follows :-

46 Bakewell residents, of which 5 died in the Bakewell Cottage Hospital, and 7 in Newholme Hospital. To which number is added 33 deaths, which occurred in Newholme Hospital, which were attributed to Part III accommodation cases at Newholme Hospital, i.e. old people who have taken up their residence at one time or another in the old peoples' wing. This, of course, increases

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COMPARABLE VITAL STATISTICS, 1958 - 1959.

	England and Wales		Bakewell U.D.C.	
	1958	1959	1958	1959
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 total population)	16.4	16.5	15.08	12.08
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	11.7	11.6	13.13.	11.31
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 yr. per 1,000 live births)	22.6	22.2	Nil	Nil
Neonatal Mortality (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births)	16.2	15.8	Nil	Nil

VITAL STATISTICS (Contd).

The Corrected Birth Rate is lower than last year and is lower than England and Wales as a whole, whilst the corrected Death Rate is also lower than last year, and I am pleased to report lower than that of England and Wales as a whole. For the third year in succession there has been no Maternal Mortality, Infantile Mortality or Neonatal Mortality.

The Birth Rate remains higher than the Death Rate.

CANCER DEATH RATE remains practically the same. 9 deaths were attributed to Cancer, making a Crude Death Rate of 2.52 (per 1,000 population).

Further research has confirmed that there is a relationship between excessive cigarette smoking and Malignant Disease. One Male died from Lung Cancer.

HEART DISEASE, (including Circulatory Disease), accounted for 55 deaths, of which 9 were classified as being due to Coronary Thrombosis.

This disease appears to be increasing, and is one of the results of modern life, with its noise and rush and constant anxiety, which often produces conditions by which the nervous system loses its control over the arteries which become thickened and roughened, with more tendency for the blood to clot in them. It has been suggested that too much fat in the diet (or an excessive deposition of fat in the body) may be a factor in its causation.

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Registrar General's Classification of Deaths for Bakewell Urban District, 1959.

Code No.		Male	Female		Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	0	0	-	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0	0	-	0
3.	Syphilitic disease	0	0	-	0
4.	Diphtheria	0	0	-	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0	0	-	0
6.	Meningococcal infections ..	0	0	-	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	-	0
8.	Measles	0	0	-	0
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0	-	0
10.	Malignant neoplasm stomach ..	1	2	-	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	0	-	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	0	1	-	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	0	0	-	0
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	-	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	1	1	-	2
16.	Diabetes	0	0	-	0
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	13	-	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..	5	4	-	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	-	0
20.	Other heart diseases	10	9	-	19
21.	Other circulatory diseases ..	2	6	-	8
22.	Influenza	0	0	-	0
23.	Pneumonia	2	2	-	4
24.	Bronchitis	2	0	-	2
25.	Other disease of respiratory system	0	0	-	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	0	0	-	0
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis ..	0	0	-	0
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ..	0	0	-	0
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	-	0
31.	Congenital malformations ..	0	0	-	0
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	2	4	-	6
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..	0	0	-	0
34.	All other accidents	0	0	-	0
35.	Suicide	0	0	-	0
36.	Homicide and operations of War	0	0	-	0
		35	44	-	79

Registrar General's Classification of Deaths for Bolsover Urban District, 1929.

Code No.		Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	0	0	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other	0	0	0
3.	Syphilitic disease	0	0	0
4.	Diphtheria	0	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough	0	0	0
6.	Meningococcal infections ..	0	0	0
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
8.	Measles	0	0	0
9.	Other infective and parasitic disease	0	0	0
10.	Malignant neoplasm stomach ..	1	2	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	0	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	0	1	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	0	0	0
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	1	1	2
16.	Diabetes	0	0	0
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	13	19
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..	5	4	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0
20.	Other heart disease	10	9	19
21.	Other circulatory disease ..	2	6	8
22.	Influenza	0	0	0
23.	Pneumonia	2	2	4
24.	Bronchitis	2	0	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	0	0	0
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	0	0	0
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis ..	0	0	0
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate ..	0	0	0
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0	0
31.	Congenital malformations ..	0	0	0
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	2	4	6
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..	0	0	0
34.	All other accidents	0	0	0
35.	Suicide	0	0	0
36.	Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

155 cases were notified, classified below :-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Scarlet Fever	1	-	1
Measles	66	70	136
Pneumonia	8	3	11
Poliomyelitis	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	3	1	4
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	2	-	2
	80	75	155

The epidemic of Measles was of a comparatively mild type, with no serious complications.

The case of Poliomyelitis previously notified was not confirmed by pathological investigation.

Prevention of Tuberculosis.

B.C.G. vaccination is advocated by the Ministry of Health.

Tuberculosis Register.

	Males.		Females		Total
	Pul.	Non-Pul.	Pul.	Non-Pul	
On Register January 1st. 1959	3	2	4	0	9
Admitted during year	2	0	0	0	2
Removed during year	2	2	0	0	4
	3	0	4	0	= 7

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

Poliomyelitis.

The response of the public to appeals to be inoculated is satisfactory, Now that the age group has been extended to 40 years it is hoped that those below this age will avail themselves of this facility.

It is equally important of course that young children should be immunised against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough, and Tetanus, which has been combined with the latter vaccines. This Triple Vaccine is now being used much more extensively.

38 children were immunised against Diphtheria in 1959.

34 under one year : 3 - aged 1 to 4 years : 1 - aged 5 to 14 years.

The General Provision for Health Services in the Area.

These remain as stated in my last year's Annual Report, as also do the Laboratory facilities and Clinics.

HOSPITALS.

Newholme Hospital, a Hospital for the chronic sick, i.e. a gereatric hospital of 76 beds, has been greatly improved. Each bed has its own cubicle and separate bed head light. A modern system of decorations has greatly improved the general appearance of the wards.

The Cottage Hospital, of 13 beds, had previously been improved in a similar way.

Both hospitals are administered by Sheffield No.3 Hospital Management Committee of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. As yet there is no representation by your Council on this Committee.

WELFARE SERVICES - remain as reported last year.

YEARLY STATISTICS OF HOSPITALS WITHIN BAKEWELL URBAN DISTRICT.

NEWHOLME HOSPITAL, BAKEWELL.

Patients in hospital at 1st. January, 1959	68
Admissions during year	146
Discharges during year	53
Deaths during year	88
Patients remaining in hospital at 31st. December, 1959 ..	73

Of the 88 deaths, 51 were male and 37 female.

Average age at death of males	75.88 years.
Average age at death of females	81.10 years.

WAR MEMORIAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL, BAKEWELL.

Patients in hospital at 1st. January, 1959	8
Admissions during year	121
Discharges during year	106
Deaths during year	18
Patients remaining in hospital at 31st. December, 1959 .	5

Of the 18 deaths, 4 were male and 14 female. 5 only were Bakewell residents, the other 13 came from outside the Bakewell Urban District.

Average age at death of males	66.25 years.
Average age at death of females	69.64 years.

NEWHOLME HOSPITAL, BAKEWELL.

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5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm - stomach	-	-	-
11	Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	4	-	4
12	Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	-	-
13	Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	-	-
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	8	3	11
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	6	11
18	Coronary disease, angina	1	1	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease ..	6	4	10
20	Other heart disease	6	5	11
21	Other circulatory disease	7	12	19
22	Influenza	-	-	-
23	Pneumonia	3	-	3
24	Bronchitis	8	1	9
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	1	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth and abortions	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	4	5
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	-	-
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war ...	-	-	-
	Totals -	51	37	88

HOUSING.

New houses erected during the year :-

a) by Public Authority - Nil

b) by Private Enterprise - 11

Number of Improvement Grants - Nil.

There are still many houses in the town which are capable of improvement to bring them up to modern standards.

A full report on defective houses was presented to your Council during the year.

The modern tendency to build a bungalow type of house is increasing. Twelve Bungalows (of an improved design) for old people were planned for your Council during the year, and will be ready for occupation in 1960.

There is still a considerable list of housing applicants. Once again I suggest that a well devised Points System would save the Housing Committee much time, although every care is taken by them in the selection of tenants.

PAIL CLOSETS - There are still a number which should be converted to W.C.'s.

WATER.

The supply has been adequate in spite of a considerably dry period and the quality good. The Fallinge Springs yielded remarkably well.

During the year the Council's scheme of intercommunication between the water mains was completed by the laying of an additional 1,200 yards of 5" concrete lined main with suitable valves. As a result Fallinge water from the Fallinge 5" main was also interconnected with the other 5" concrete lined main at the Derwent Valley Aquaduct, and was able to flow by gravity to the high level reservoir in an altered line of pipes. This allowed the pipes to take the full yield from Fallinge without waste. As the high level reservoir serves more houses each year this scheme has resulted in a great improvement in distribution of the present supply. Even if the Council's water undertaking is absorbed into a larger group this scheme will be of great benefit to the town.

For a short period larvae of the Derbyshire Fly harmlessly polluted the high level reservoir. This was dealt with by a temporary cover.

As previously stated in my Annual Report both Reservoirs should be permanently covered.

The spring at Dry Hills off Baslow Road failed again in August. This house should be provided with a proper water supply.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 : PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

I regret no progress has been made in providing a Swimming Bath. In view of the fact that there are five schools in this area, two of which serve the surrounding district, could not some scheme be devised in collaboration with the Local Education Authority ?

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The Council's Sewage Works, which were completed in 1935 have now become overloaded with increasing population. Additional works are required, as reported by your Consulting Engineer. These should be proceeded with, the necessary land for these improvements having been procured by your Council.

REFUSE DISPOSAL. Public Tip.

As before stated, rodent control is constantly required at the tip; whilst controlled tipping is the proper method on this land the present contours tend to result in too large an area remaining uncontrolled.

FOOD.

Food Poisoning - No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year. A constant watch must be maintained on the keeping and storage of food to maintain this standard.

Food Hygiene. Twice cooked meat may be a source of danger. The elimination of Flies and the prevention of their access to food is vital. Dust bins must remain covered. Food Hygiene Codes of Practice have been distributed.

Market Stalls. Food stalls in the market are kept under observation. I have advised the Council to provide proper facilities for washing of hands for the use of the stallholders.

MILK.

All samples taken proved negative to Tuberculosis.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

These are constantly visited. Owners have been notified of the requirements to bring the four Bakewell Slaughterhouses up to standards of the Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, (1958).

MEAT INSPECTIONS.

	Cattle Ex. Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses
Number inspected	712	133	193	1592	959	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticeri. Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	51	23	13	86	13	-
% of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticeri.	7.1	17.3	6.7	5.4	1.4	-
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	46	21	-	-	20	-
% of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	6.4	15.8	-	-	2.1	-
Cysticercosis.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

1. Inspections. For purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of : Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	27	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	23	49	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	15	32	-	-
Total	43	108	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found - NIL.

3. Outwork - NIL

FURTHER LEGISLATION WHICH CAME INTO FORCE DURING THE YEAR.

The Meat (Staining and Sterilization) Regulations, 1959.
The Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959.
The Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, came into operation on the 18th. January, 1959.
The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, came into operation on the 1st. January, 1959.
The Slaughterhouses (Appointed Day) Order, 1959.
The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.
The Meat (Staining and Sterilization)(Revocation) Regulations, 1959.
The Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty)(Amendment) Regulations, 1959.
The Slaughterhouses (Hygiene)(Amendment) Regulations, 1959.
The Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

The Public Health Inspector's Report is attached.

I wish to pay tribute to Mr. Sambrook's outstanding work in relation to the Town's water supply during his short period of office.

My thanks are due to the Council, their Officers and staff for their continued co-operation in the promotion of the Public Health.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles W. Evans,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1960.

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Bakewell Urban District.

Inspector : T.R.Sambrook.

Estimated Population : 3560. Estimated No. of Houses : 1242.

General Sanitary Administration.

	No. on Register.	Increase or Decrease.	Inspections made.
Bakehouses	5	-	46
Canal Boats	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	1	-	43
Factories and Workplaces	43	-	194
Houses let in lodgings	-	-	-
Ice Cream premises	18	+ 1	147
Market Stalls	93	-	570
Milk Distributors	1	-	33
Moveable Dwellings	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-
Outworkers	-	-	-
Preserved Food Stores	10	-	367
Shops	86	-	43
Slaughterhouses	4	-	797
Knackers Yards	-	-	-

Sampling.

Milk - 3 : Satisfactory.

Ice Cream - None manufactureed in area.

Water - 2 samples taken from Council's supply - Satisfactory.
1 sample from private spring supply - Unsatisfactory.

Water Supplies.

No. of Houses in district connected to mains	1238
Estimated population involved	3544
No. of Houses in district not supplied from standpipe on mains	4
Estimated population involved	16
No. of Houses in district supplied from standpipes on mains	-
No. of connections made during year : new houses	11
other premises	Nil

Drainage.		Est. Pop. Involved.
No. of houses in district connected to sewers	1214	3448
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	28	112
No. of connections made during year :		
New houses	11	
Other premises	-	
No. of conversions of other closets to W.C.'s	Nil.	

Houses.

New houses erected during year by :

a) Local Authority - Nil.

b) Private enterprise - 11.

c) Other Local Authorities - Nil.

No. of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	72
No. of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	9
No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	1
No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action (formal or informal) by the Local Authority	4
No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were accepted	Nil
No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which application for Improvement Grants have been made during the year	2
No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Improvement Grants were approved by the Ministry	Nil
No. of dwellinghouses "improved" during the year	Nil

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